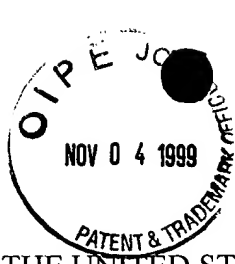


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The Applicants provide the following amendment and remarks in response to the Office Action dated August 3, 1999 and is being filed within the three-month period of time for responding as set in the August 3, 1999 Office Action.

Re-examination and reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 and 8-10 as recited below:

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(Once amended) A computer system implemented method for facilitating a sale of a product from an inventory of a selling entity, the computer system including a memory arrangement and at least one processing unit coupled to the memory arrangement, the method comprising the steps of: